Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a standard degradation product for analysis of a sample containing (5Z,7E)-(1R,2R,3R)-2-(3-hydroxypropoxy)-9,10-secocholesta-5,7,10(19)-triene-1,3,25-triol, said composition containing as the standard degration product (5E,7E)-(1R,2R,3R)-2- (3-hydroxypropoxy)-9,10-secocholesta-5,7,10(19)-triene-1,3,25-triol.

Claim 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method of suppressing the generation of ~~isomers~~ a degradation product in an oily preparation comprising (5Z,7E)-(1R,2R,3R)-2-(3-hydroxypropoxy)-9,10- secocholesta-5,7,10(19)-triene-1,3,25-triol, comprising adding ~~an antioxidant~~dl-α-tocopherol to the preparation, wherein the ~~isomers are~~ degradation product is ~~selected from the group consisting of 6E-(1R,2R,3R)-2-(3-hydroxypropoxy)-9,10-secocholesta-~~

~~5(10),6,8(9)-triene-1,3,25-triol,~~ (5E,7E)-(1R,2R,3R)-2-(3-hydroxypropoxy)-9,10-secocholesta-5,7,10(19)-triene-1,3,25-triol ~~and mixtures thereof~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12, wherein the amount of ~~the isomers~~ (5E,7E)-(1R,2R,3R)-2-(3-hydroxypropoxy)-9,10-secocholesta-5,7,10(19)-triene-1,3,25-triol generated in the preparation after 12-month storage at room temperature under shading is suppressed to 1% or less.

14. (Currently Amended) The compound according to Claim 10, which is used as a standard of ~~isomer~~ a degradation product in analysis of a preparation comprising (5Z,7E)-(1R,2R,3R)-2-(3-hydroxypropoxy)-9,10-secocholesta-5,7,10(19)-triene-1,3,25-triol.

Claims 15-16. (Cancelled)

Claim 17. (New) A compound for synthesizing vitamin D compounds comprising (5E,7E)-(1R,2R,3R)-2- (3-hydroxypropoxy)-9,10-secocholesta-5,7,10(19)-triene-1,3,25-triol.